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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Mary Riley Styles Public Library to Kick Off Annual “Food for Fines” Week**

**Sunday, Oct. 21 - Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The Mary Riley Styles Public Library’s annual “Food for Fines” initiative provides patrons the opportunity to help those in need by donating non-perishable groceries as payment for fines on overdue items. This year’s “Food for Fines” Week runs Sunday, Oct. 21 through Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007.

“Food for Fines” is a great opportunity for patrons to clear their records of library fines by donating food for local food banks. This optional program is a one-for-one exchange: a single grocery item (can of fruit, cake mix, etc.) will cover the fine for a single overdue item, including books, videos, DVDs, audiocassettes, or CDs. There is no limit on the number or amount of fines that can be cleared or the quantity of overdue materials that can be returned. Bills for lost or damaged library materials cannot be paid by this program.

Glass jars, opened containers, bulging cans, items past their expiration date, or sample or trial sized-items cannot be accepted for donation due to safety reasons.

Collected food and other non-perishables will be given to community service organizations that work closely with the City’s Housing and Human Services Division to provide aid to families in the City of Falls Church area.

For more information, please contact the Mary Riley Styles Public Library at 703-248-5030 (TTY 711) or visit them on the Web at [www.falls-church.lib.va.us](http://www.falls-church.lib.va.us).

**WHAT:** Food for Fines Week  
**WHEN:** Sunday, Oct. 21 through Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007  
**TIME:** During regularly scheduled library hours  
**WHERE:** Mary Riley Styles Public Library  
120 N. Virginia Ave.  
Falls Church, VA 22046

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